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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States imports for consumption from $1,045.7 million in April to $1,188.6 million in May[1], a rise of about 14 percent, reflected increases in imports of all of the economic classes of commodities except crude foodstuffs. The May 1961 imports for consumption total was, however, about five percent lower than the May 1960 total of $1,256.0 million.

The Bureau also pointed out that, for the period January-May 1961, imports for consumption were valued at $5,617.9 million, about 11 percent below the total of $6,333.3 million for the same period of 1960.

Imports of finished manufactures rose from $366.6 million in April to $426.8 million in May reflecting small, scattered increases in imports of many of the individual commodities included in this economic class, the more noticeable being as follows: newsprint, from $53.2 to $64.9 million; automobiles and parts, from $28.0 to $31.9 million; and vehicles, except automobiles, from $9.9 to $13.1 million. The rise in imports of semimanufactures, from $225.1 to $267.4 million, was largely the result of increases in imports of copper, from $8.2 to $31.7 million; sawed boards, planks, and deals, from $24.2 to $31.9 million and wood pulp, from $20.7 to $26.2 million. However, a sizable decrease occurred in imports of gas and fuel oil, also included in this economic class, from $51.8 to $36.7 million.

During the period, imports of crude materials increased from $202.5 to $229.9 million owing chiefly to increases in imports of crude petroleum, from $64.6 to $76.2 million; ferroalloying ores, from $7.9 to $16.9 million and iron ore and concentrates, from $11.9 to $19.7 million. The increase in imports of manufactured foodstuffs from $109.6 to $125.1 million was largely accounted for by an increase in imports of sugar from $25.7 to $38.8 million. Imports of meat products showed an decrease, however, from $32.5 to $26.2 million.

Meanwhile, imports of crude foodstuffs declined slightly, from $141.8 million in April to $139.4 million in May.

[1]See the May 1961 issue of Report No. FT 900-I for seasonally-adjusted figures for general imports. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped intransit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: MAY 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantities in units indicated; values in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1961 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1960 include revisions published with the December 1960 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1961. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures.)

Economic class and commodity	May 1961	April 1961	May 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Total.....value..	1,188.6	1,045.7	1,256.0	1,221.0	1,249.5
Free.....value..	493.4	420.2	509.5	481.7	485.3
Dutiable.....value..	695.3	625.4	746.4	739.3	764.2
Crude materials.....value..	229.9	202.5	259.4	251.1	258.1
Hides and skins.....value..	5.8	5.9	8.0	5.9	7.3
Undressed furs.....value..	6.1	6.0	5.7	8.0	8.0
Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb..	67	56	72	77	108
value..	15.6	13.5	27.1	27.2	32.2
Copra.....1,000 lb..	79,632	45,471	69,922	65,005	58,808
value..	5.1	3.0	6.6	5.3	5.7
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	15,484	14,048	13,007	13,302	12,640
value..	10.2	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.3
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	7,571	8,592	6,773	12,195	12,396
value..	1.1	0.8	0.5	2.2	2.0
Jute and jute butts.....long tons..	1,271	1,477	5,747	4,550	5,740
value..	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.0
Sisal and henequen.....long tons..	9,387	7,575	6,050	8,037	10,432
value..	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.7
Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	17	18	14	17	21
clean content[1]..	13	14	11	13	16
value..	8.7	9.5	7.9	9.3	10.3
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	12	13	7	10	13
clean content[1]..	8	9	5	7	9
value..	7.2	8.3	5.9	7.1	8.4
Pulpwood.....1,000 cords..	85	68	74	110	104
value..	1.4	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	34,041	30,256	32,532	33,389	32,050
value..	76.2	64.6	72.4	74.6	72.7
Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats..	163	241	110	114	132
value..	6.0	6.9	9.7	7.3	7.9
Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats..	1,309	966	521	1,092	1,091
value..	7.7	4.9	2.7	4.3	5.2
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	2,041	1,267	3,714	2,883	2,969
value..	19.7	11.9	34.6	26.8	26.0
Ferroalloying ores.....value..	16.9	7.9	10.1	10.7	11.1
Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb..	3,759	2,731	35,018	13,899	6,691
value..	1.0	0.8	10.3	4.1	1.9
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	12,429	42,746	41,410	23,017	22,833
value..	1.0	4.2	4.4	2.4	2.3
Tin (tin content).....long tons..	223	1,373	1,267	1,169	898
value..	0.5	3.1	2.8	2.6	1.9
Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb..	54,136	72,585	62,320	76,364	72,877
value..	2.1	3.9	3.0	3.6	3.2
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value..	7.9	5.9	8.4	7.0	6.5
All other crude materials.....value..	27.4	28.6	26.4	28.7	31.4
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	139.4	141.8	155.6	143.5	152.0
Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb..	42,090	36,987	49,223	45,970	45,746
value..	15.2	11.9	16.4	14.3	13.5
Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands..	57	72	76	54	57
value..	4.0	5.2	6.9	5.2	6.8
Grains.....value..	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value..	2.0	4.4	3.5	3.8	3.5
Bananas.....1,000 bunches..	5,545	5,064	5,537	4,749	4,476
value..	8.0	7.4	7.8	6.6	6.5
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	89	88	68	46	40
value..	16.3	19.6	16.7	11.9	13.7
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	226	234	240	243	256
value..	74.1	75.5	82.3	83.6	91.1
Tea.....1,000 lb..	9,331	8,997	10,588	9,598	9,140
value..	4.6	4.6	5.2	4.7	4.3
Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb..	3,316	2,954	2,364	3,081	2,914
value..	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.5	0.7
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	10.6	9.5	12.6	9.2	8.7

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MAY 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	May 1961	April 1961	May 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	125.1	109.6	144.5	130.5	133.3
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	62,642	80,415	57,313	63,098	81,209
value..	26.2	32.5	24.3	27.0	32.8
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	5,186	6,621	4,670	5,262	5,322
value..	2.5	3.0	2.1	2.6	2.6
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	41,320	33,145	32,485	38,300	43,444
value..	10.8	9.0	9.5	11.1	12.3
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.7
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	703	457	1,082	781	757
value..	38.8	25.7	57.9	42.3	41.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	25,835	25,499	60,560	38,264	24,449
value..	2.8	2.8	5.7	3.4	3.1
Whisky.....value..	14.6	12.4	14.7	16.0	14.8
All other manufactured foodstuffs .....value..	28.0	23.1	29.0	26.9	24.8
Semimanufactures.....value..	267.4	225.1	243.3	257.7	275.5
Leather.....value..	3.7	3.2	3.3	3.5	4.0
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	282	227	324	300	303
value..	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.6
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	3.6	2.6	3.8	4.1	4.7
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	5,555	4,723	3,085	8,189	9,285
value..	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.8
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	5.4	5.0	5.6	4.8	5.2
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	437	335	378	327	339
value..	31.9	24.2	29.9	25.8	28.1
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	209	168	193	198	203
value..	26.2	20.7	25.1	25.4	26.2
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	16,800	23,361	16,313	20,044	19,847
value..	36.7	51.8	33.7	42.8	42.2
Asbestos.....long tons..	44,336	38,933	45,226	46,234	48,928
value..	4.5	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.6
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	72	47	75	67	76
value..	7.0	4.4	7.6	6.5	7.2
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	14.0	10.6	15.4	19.4	23.2
Aluminum.....value..	11.3	8.4	7.9	8.8	12.6
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	108	28	77	81	62
value..	31.7	8.2	23.5	25.1	18.6
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	44,099	47,958	30,613	37,346	46,556
value..	5.1	5.6	4.4	5.3	6.2
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	19,187	17,513	11,391	17,276	19,364
value..	12.9	12.0	8.1	12.0	12.3
Tin.....1,000 lb..	6,826	4,033	7,297	7,515	8,744
value..	6.6	4.0	7.0	7.3	8.6
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	21,440	16,713	13,761	20,355	27,600
value..	2.4	1.8	1.7	2.5	2.8
Coal-tar products.....value..	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.3	4.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	9.4	9.6	8.0	8.1	7.8
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	187	155	154	124	142
value..	7.2	6.6	6.3	5.0	5.2
All other semimanufactures.....value..	41.0	36.6	41.6	41.2	49.5
Finished manufactures.....value..	426.8	366.6	453.1	438.2	430.7
Leather manufactures.....value..	6.8	5.8	6.7	8.3	7.0
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.5
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	20,764	16,477	35,877	37,908	20,080
value..	4.9	4.1	6.5	7.0	4.3
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	10.2	10.7	13.8	14.0	12.5
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	71,331	55,503	92,716	73,695	80,623
1,000 lb..	45,046	35,018	53,000	44,679	49,485
value..	10.7	8.0	9.0	7.9	7.6
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.8	2.6
Wool manufactures.....value..	13.4	13.6	13.2	17.4	14.3
Silk manufactures.....value..	3.8	3.3	4.8	5.8	6.1
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	246	201	215	188	178
value..	2.2	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.8
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	512	421	481	451	436
value..	64.9	53.2	61.0	57.4	55.5
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.3	5.4	6.6	6.2	6.5
Pottery.....value..	4.4	4.0	5.3	5.4	4.8

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MAY 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	May 1961	April 1961	May 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	23.2	21.9	27.5	24.8	28.8
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	9.2	11.0	9.9	10.4	9.3
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	11.9	11.8	13.3	11.2	14.1
Automobiles and parts.....value..	31.9	28.0	62.7	52.3	70.3
Other machinery.....value..	53.7	47.2	47.4	47.1	40.0
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	13.1	9.9	12.0	10.5	10.2
Photographic goods.....value..	5.0	4.1	4.6	4.6	4.2
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.1
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.0	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.4
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	6.0	5.0	5.7	5.5	4.9
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.1	3.6	4.5	4.4	4.7
American goods returned.....value..	21.5	18.2	18.5	20.5	19.5
All other finished manufactures[2].....value..	98.5	77.5	98.2	94.7	84.8
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[2].....value..	11.6	10.1	10.8	10.9	10.2

[1]Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.
[2]For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.